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Unfettered by the yoke of colonization, the African warrior nation of WAKANDA flourished and became a high-tech, resource-rich, ecologically-sound paradise—one that makes the rest of the world seem primitive in comparison. Ruling over this kingdom are the BLACK PANTHER and his queen, STORM.

At the conclusion of America's super hero civil war, T'Challa and Ororo found themselves in desperate straits: on the losing side of the fray and at odds with the United States of America. However, their luck seemed to change when Reed Richards and Sue Storm offered the couple residence in the Baxter Building and their places in the Fantastic Four.

After a series of adventures with the Fantastic Four, the Black Panther has returned to Wakanda. However, his kingdom is not in the same state in which he left it. His longtime adversary, Erik Killmonger, has seized control of the neighboring country of Niganda and taken T'Challa's sister Shuri hostage. After briefing Tony Stark—also known as Iron Man—on the situation, former Avenger Monica Rambeau was deployed to subdue Killmonger. But unbeknownst to Monica, Killmonger was ready for her attack and took her as his prisoner. Now, T'Challa has launched his own attack on Killmonger, eager to free the hostages and subdue his foe. However, as T'Challa often finds to be the case, Killmonger proves to be a formidable opponent, one not so easily defeated...

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YOU STUPID HAIRLESS CRETINS. HOW MANY FORCE FIELDS DO I HAVE TO GENERATE BEFORE YOU UNDERSTAND I CANNOT BE TOUCHED?
FZAAAAT
BUT I CAN TOUCH YOU...IN A SPECIAL WAY.

YOUR SISTER WAS MET BY YOUR MOTHER AT THE HOSPITAL.

EXCELLENT. HAVE THEY FOUND MONICA RAMBEAU YET?

YES, YOUR HIGHNESS. APPARENTLY SHE HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY A TALKING MONKEY.

A WHAT?

TALKING MONKEY.

WE SUSPECT HE'S ONE OF THE RED GHOST'S EXPERIMENTS. HE SEEMS TO BE THE SOURCE OF KILLMONGER'S ADVANCED WEAPONRY.

THAT'S WHERE THE REAL BATTLE IS, THEN.

THEY FOUND THE LAB?

YES, BUT THEY WILL ALL BE DEAD SOON.

JUST LIKE THIS FOOL IN FRONT OF ME.

MAKE SURE THE CAMERA GETS EVERYTHING-- ESPECIALLY THE KILLING STROKE.

YES, FATHER.

AND THE UNMASKING. WE NEED TO SHOW IT REALLY IS HIM, AND IT REALLY IS ME. ALL IN THE SAME SHOT.

WE WILL HAVE IT COVERED WITH MULTIPLE ANGLES, SIR.

EXCELLENT, BOY.

READY TO DIE?

BACK TO AFRICA

CONCLUSION

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PROUD OF YOUR LITTLE EUROPEAN WEAPON, AREN'T YOU?
WHEN YOU HEARD THE NAME "EBONY BLADE" I BET YOU THOUGHT TO YOURSELF "I JUST HAVE TO GET THAT!"
SAYS THE GUY WHOSE PARTNER IS A MONKEY.

A MONKEY THAT'S SMARTER THAN ANY OF YOUR WAKANDAN GENIUSES!
OH!
WATCH OUT!
CHUK
KILLMONGER IS A SORCERER--HE HAS *ENCHANTED* THAT SWORD!
NO, BUT HE DID *MAGNETIZE* IT AND MY ARMOR WITH DIFFERENT POLARITIES. NOW THEY REPEL EACH OTHER!

KILLMONGER IS MAKING T'CHALLA LOOK LIKE A FOOL!
DOES THAT BOTHER YOU?
NO, I LIKE IT! HE THINKS HE'S BETTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE!
YES! KILLMONGER KEEPS IT REAL!
QUIT TRYING TO TALK AMERICAN. YOU'RE NOT BETTER, EITHER.
TIME TO COME OUT AND PLAY, T'CHALLA.
ZZZZZZ
ZZTTT
ARGGGH!
DO YOU THINK THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR A CHILD TO SEE?
STAY OUT OF MY BUSINESS, OLD MAN.
BESIDES, WE DON'T HAVE A TV YET...THIS IS ENTERTAINMENT AND POLITICS IN ACTION.

MEANWHILE, IN WAKANDA...
WE DON'T DETECT ANY VIRUS, NANOTECHNOLOGY OR POST-HYPNOTIC SUGGESTIONS IN EITHER PRINCESS SHURI OR G'MAL.
THANK GOODNESS.
BROTHER VOODOO IS DOING A SPIRITUAL READING ON BOTH TO MAKE SURE THERE AREN'T ANY SPELLS OR MYSTIC FORCES AT WORK.
I KNOW HE'S A GUEST OF MY SON, BUT ARE WE CONCEDING THAT AN AMERICAN IS BETTER AT DOING A READING THAN OUR OWN SORCERERS?
NO, QUEEN MOTHER. BUT HE HAS... SPECIAL ABILITIES. IT WOULD BE FOOLISH FOR US NOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM.
SO? WHAT DO YOU SEE?
I SEE WHO YOU REALLY ARE.
AND YOU ARE TOO DANGEROUS TO LIVE!

BACK IN NIGANDA...
THIS IS INSANE! HOW CAN A MONKEY TRAP ME LIKE THIS?
I'VE GOT TO SHIFT OUT OF SOLID FORM, BE AN ENERGY BEING...
PROBLEM IS, THE FIELD KEEPS CHANGING PATTERNS AT AN AMAZING RATE, SO I CAN NEVER SHIFT TO THE RIGHT FREQUENCY TO PENETRATE IT.
HOW CAN A BEING THAT'S NOT A SUPERCOMPUTER KEEP GENERATING SUCH A RANDOM ARRAY OF IMPREGNABLE SIGNALS?
NO MATTER HOW DIFFUSE I GET, I CAN'T PENETRATE IT.
MAYBE A NEW APPROACH: BE MORE FOCUSED, AND TEST THE INTEGRITY OF SEVERAL POINTS ON THE SPHERE.

GOT IT! NOW FOCUS ON THIS WEDGE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?
WHAT HAPPENED? HE JUST STOPPED ATTACKING.
I DON'T KNOW, BUT GET IN POSITION TO PRESS OUR OPPORTUNITY!
I WAS GOING TO DRAIN YOU SLOWLY BUT YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME KILL YOU.
I KNEW YOU HAD LIMITS, AND I JUST FOUND THEM.
LET'S [redacted] HOW YOU WITHSTAND A THOUSAND ATTACKS AT LIGHT-SPEED.
I'VE DONE THIS BEFORE WITH BETTER...
...AND YOUR CONCENTRATION IS SLIPPING.

THIS...HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH.
WE CANNOT INTERFERE!
ARE YOU WILLING TO LET IT END LIKE THIS? TO LET HIM DIE IN FRONT OF YOU... AT THE HAND OF THIS UNWORTHY FOE... AND DO NOTHING?
I THOUGHT YOU LOVED HIM!
MY LOVE GIVES ME THE DISCIPLINE TO BOW TO HIS WILL. HE SAID STAND DOWN. OUR INTERFERENCE WILL UNDERMINE HIM.
NO!

KRAK
THAT'S WHAT SHE GETS--FOR DEFYING *YOUR* ORDERS.
SHUKT

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE TAKING THIS LONG TO DIE!
WHOA!
YOU THINK YOU CAN KILL ME? I WILL DEVOUR BOTH YOUR SOULS AND USE YOUR BODY AS MY NEXT--
WHAT IS THIS? WHO *ARE* YOU?

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE HERE WITH A SECRET IDENTITY, CANNIBAL.
THAT'S [illegible] DOUBLE EVEAL WHO I REALLY AM.
MAKE ROOM! MAKE ROOM! BEFORE THIS BODY DIES!
LET GO! SO I CAN LIVE!
WHAT THE HELL *HAPPENED* HERE?

EEEP!
DON'T LOOK!
NO, THE SUN GODDESS HAS RETURNED. AND SHE IS BEAUTIFUL.
THAT REMARK COULD GET YOU EXILED.
ONE MIGHT SAY IT'S A SHAME OUR KING IS ALREADY BETROTHED TO THE GODDESS OF STORMS.
HOWEVER TRUE IT MIGHT BE.

NOW WHAT?
BUDDOOM
THE FORCE FIELDS ARE DOWN!
THE KING ■ STILL ■ POSITION, BUT YOU CAN SUPPORT ALL OTHER EFFORTS.
WE HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR!
IT'S ALL OVER, KILLMONGER.

WHUK
THERE'S STILL TIME.
PLENTY OF TIME, IN FACT--
--TO KILL YOU!

FWOOMP
WHAT?
MONICA... WHAT DID YOU DO?

FATHER!
I WANT TWO MEDICAL TEAMS. ONE FOR KILLMONGER AND ONE--
NO! YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH! I WILL TAKE HIS BODY HOME.
AND ONE DAY, I WILL KILL YOU AS YOU KILLED HIM!
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, YOUNG MAN. I MADE SUCH A PROMISE OVER THE BODY OF MY FATHER--
AND DID YOU KEEP IT?
YES YOU DID. AND I WILL DO THE SAME. I WILL KILL YOU, BLACK PANTHER. BY MY HANDS, YOU WILL DIE.

YOU DIDN'T KILL HIM, I DID. WHY DOESN'T HE--
IT DOESN'T MATTER. HE SEES YOU AS A TOOL. NOTHING YOU SAY WILL MAKE HIM BELIEVE I AM NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS.
AND I CANNOT BELIEVE WHAT YOU DID, EITHER.
I-I-I WAS JUST...SO *MAD*. NO ONE HAD EVER MADE ME FEEL THAT VULNERABLE...NOT SINCE I GOT MY POWERS. I THOUGHT THEY WOULD KILL ME...AND WHEN I WAS FINALLY FREE, AND SAW HIM ABOUT TO KILL YOU--
HE WASN'T. I HAD MY NEXT MOVE PLANNED.
LOOK, I KNOW YOU'VE GOT THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING, AND YOU CAN BEAT GALACTUS IN A FAIR FIGHT, BUT *COME ON!* THIS GUY HAS BEATEN YOU EVERY TIME AND HE WAS ABOUT TO RUN YOU THROUGH!
NOW THE HATE CONTINUES TO THE NEXT GENERATION.
DOESN'T IT ALWAYS?
FINALLY! SOMEONE SOLVING PROBLEMS!
WANT WAKANDAN CITIZENSHIP, SUN GODDESS?
ZURI! ENOUGH!
SOMEBODY HAD TO SAY IT, YOUR HIGHNESS. BEING AN OLD MAN HAS ITS PRIVILEGES.
NOW HE GETS TO LEAVE? AFTER THREATENING YOU?
FINE. WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH HIM LATER, THOUGH.
SHOULD WE IMPRISON A CHILD THAT JUST LOST HIS FATHER?

HOW IS SHE?
PASSED OUT FROM BLOOD LOSS. IT'S DELICATE.
WILL YOU KEEP YOUR PROMISE?
YOU SAID YOU WOULD HELP US NO MATTER WHAT. IS THAT TRUE?
YES, IT IS.
DOES THAT MEAN WE ARE WELCOME IN WAKANDA?
IT MEANS WE WILL TEACH YOU TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES...SO YOU WON'T BE SWAYED BY THE PROMISES OF THE LATEST TYRANT.
SOUNDS LIKE "NO HELP" TO ME.
WILL YOU GET RID OF THE MONSTER ANIMALS IN THE TREES AND LAKES?
YES, THEY WILL BE THE FIRST TO GO.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHERE IS THAT MONKEY BEHIND THE WHOLE THING?
HE, UH DISAPPEARED. I THINK HE TURNED INVISIBLE.
GOT AWAY? HELL NO!
I'LL FIND HIM!
I HATE IT WHEN A VICTORY JUST FEELS LIKE THE START OF EVEN MORE WORK.
WELCOME TO GOVERNMENT!

IS HE REALLY DEAD?
THAT IS NOT THE QUESTION. THE QUESTION IS, WHAT WILL *YOU* DO ABOUT IT?
I WILL PLEDGE MY LIFE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BLACK PANTHER!
VERY GOOD. WHAT SAY YOU, HIS OTHER SONS AND DAUGHTERS?
THE BLACK PANTHER MUST DIE!
NEXT: SECRET INVASION!